



Quality is primarily the responsibility of higher education. The concept of quality is a world wide concern in every field. It is the process of bridging the gap between perceptions and expectations in teacher education programmes. The moment, this gap is filled, we may assume that quality has been achieved. Internal Quality Assurance Cell helps us to do the process like Monitoring, Evaluating and Improving the quality of an educational organization.

### Curricular Transactions

The IQAC is conscious of evolving relevant mode of teaching which would open vistas for student teachers' active participation in teaching-learning process. With this view, the lectures were planned to integrate with reading materials, group discussion, panel discussions, seminars, individual and group assignments, presentation of papers, use of audio-visual aids and electronic gadgets which would supplement the effectiveness of class room teaching.

### Student-Teacher Involvement

This institution of Education having the pivotal points of its planning and functioning the total involvement of the student teachers in the curricular transaction utilises all modes of individualization of teaching-learning strategies. Our students are motivated to do self-study by regular guidance from the faculty, directly and assisting them to locate resources and reference materials. This instills in the students a sense of independence and scientific enquiry. Further guidelines are rendered to the student teachers regarding website address to download needed information, creating e-mail ID and browsing Internets.



### Training on ALM

In our college the training on ALM (Activity Learning Method) was arranged on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 in our College premises. This training was given by SSA Programme Co-ordinators from Tirunelveli centre.



All the participants eagerly learned how to adopt the Activity Learning Method in their teaching by using the mind map relating to the content, which is to be taught. It ensures the way to improve learning among the learners and it was arranged by **Rev. Sr. Dr. Nirmala Sundara Raj**.

### Teaching Practice

Gaining the school experience is the integral part of Teacher Training programme. To develop competence to teach on the basis of the accepted principles of teaching, the student teachers of our College went to twenty-one different schools

including Government, Matriculation and Aided schools with the prior permission of our College Principal, faculty members and the heads of all concerned schools.

Our students were exposed to the pedagogical environment of the school where they had 40 days training for their teaching. From 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008 to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008 all our B.Ed students perceived their role as a teacher in twenty-one different schools. This intensive teaching is useful for our student teachers to get more realistic and actual classroom situation.

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### ICT integrated Teaching

Our present generation is growing up in an information age. Learning how to learn with the available information and rich technology environment requires, skill and experience. In order to make education meaningful, exciting, interesting and accessible, technology need to be linked with the process of learning. To fulfill this purpose our College conducted ICT orientation classes throughout the months of November and December. The sessions were handled by Mr. Papuraj, HOD, Department of computer science, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.



### Language Laboratory

Language can be learnt best through practice and drill. Only a practical approach to language teaching can serve useful purpose. That is possible in a language laboratory. In our college language laboratory, listening and speaking practice is given to the individual learners according to their needs. Our language laboratory with 10 booths is a boon to the students. It helps the students to learn pronunciation, self-correction and self examination, by which, our students acquire fluency in Spoken English. The activities of Language Lab is organised by **Mrs. Punitha**, Lecturer in English.

### Research Seminars and Colloquium

Research colloquium was arranged for M.Ed. & M.Phil Research Scholars on 19<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 and 24.02.2009.

Dr. A. Annaraja, Reader in Mathematics, St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai, Dr. Sathananthan, Head of the Department, Dr. B. William Dharmaraja, Education Department, M.S. University, and Dr. Amalraj, Principal, Sri Saradha College of Education, Ariyakulam were resource persons respectively.



All the researchers of our College participated in the National Level Seminar conducted in Department of Education, M.S. University and state level conference at Annamal College of Education, Tuticorin.

## Workshop - One day Programme

Every body needs counselling to attain their goals. In our College oneday workshop was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 on the topic - "Winning Edge". Mr. Cyril Xavier, addressed our students. In the first of the two sessions he spoke about the ways of developing motivation. The student teachers should have deep knowledge in a particular concept and try to master it. They also should know how to improve their concentration power and improve their quality of education.

## Multi-skilled training

Good training is given to the students on various skills. In order to improve the handwriting of the students of the Institution, Italic writing is taught, by **Mrs.S. Mary Sundarabai**, our craft instructor. Training in Jewel making is also given to our students. Miss. Chandrika was invited and special classes were arranged to teach the art of Jewel making with golden balls, chakari, Samoosa lock etc. In turn the students were taken to the rural areas to teach craft works to the poor.

Cooking competition was held in the college and the students took part in it enthusiastically.

## Extension Activity

The Inaugural function of World Fellowship of Inter - Religious Councils (WFIRC) was held on 08.11.08. The Introduction of WFIRC was given by Rev. Fr. Roby Kannan chira. He addressed the gathering on WFIRC, focussing on the aims and objectives of WFIRC. He said that students must have tolerance towards other religions. Felicitation was given by Mrs. Devaki, President of WFIRC, Tirunelveli. This programme created the inter-religious faith among the youth.

## Joyful Celebrations

Our students observed in a meaning ful way the teachers' day and children's day on 05.09.08 and 23.11.08 respectively. Along with National celebrations our students celebrated Christmas with the presence of Fr. Benjamin, Sunrise Village, Perumalpuram on 21.10.2008 with the mentally retarded children and Srilankan Refugees.

It is one of the principles of our College to promote secularism. Hence Pongal was celebrated on 13.01.09 with the participation of three religious leaders, staff and students.

## Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day was celebrated on 10.12.08. Human chain procession was led by Most Rev. A. Jude Paul Raj D.D. Bishop, Palayamkottai Diocese. At the end Thiru M.A. Britto - Lawyer, Director of Vanmughil Trust and Fr. A. Chacko Varghese, Secretary, Youth commission spoke about the struggles of the Tamil Elam people in Sri Lanka, which was clearly visualised by slides.

A discussion was also conducted on the theme 'Peace' by students which was Co-ordinated by Dr. C.R. Gladys Stella Bai, Director of Physical Education.

## Community Camp

Our college organized a four day community camp at Sivanthipuram, Tirunelveli dis trict on 28, 29, 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2008. During the programme, the focus was on children and women of this area. The first day of the camp was celebrated as Environmental protection day. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. D. Sahaya John, Palayamkottai. The following day was celebrated as child rights protection day and Empowerment on women's rights. Women of this area are not aware of their legal rights. In order to enlighten them, our student community and social workers of this area had given sufficient information about legal rights to them.

Tree planting, medical camp, social survey (focussed on socio - economic status of the people), debate on various social issues, sports competitions for village children, craft training for women and cultural programmes were the main ingredients of the camp.

## Educating people about social change

To create awareness among the public on the social issues, our students of B.Ed and M.Ed present tableau every year in our College premises and on the small adjacent roads as well so that the public, who happen to see them for a while can understand the grim situation in which they are living and register the message in their mind for ever. The theme of the tableau for this year is women and social challenges which was enacted on 24.02.2009.

The terrorist attack in Mumbai, horrific accidents caused by reckless driving, especially in inebriated condition, youth adoring heroes of tinsel world as their deities, gender bias, dowry harassment, riot, commercialisation of education, unemployment, poverty, impact of alcohol on the downtrodden families etc had been presented brilliantly. D. Kalpana Nayak, DCP (Crime and Traffic), Tiruenveli city, was the chief guest.

## Fine Arts competition

To bringout the hidden talents in the teacher trainees of our College competitions are held every year. It enables the students to get good training in all the fields. Rangoli, drama and dance competitions were conducted on 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2009 respectively.

In order to inculcate co-operation, self confidence, aesthetic taste and enthusiasm, different competitions are held which depict the social integrity and the position of women today. The trainees, the teachers of tomorrow get guidelines to co-ordinate various competitions in future.



## Members of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell

Rev. Sr. Dr. Nirmala Sundara Raj, (Principal), Tmt. A. Dhasnavis, Miss. Fathima Elizabeth Radhika, Tmt. R. Rajeswari, Tmt. Dr. S. Francisca, Tmt. M. Maria Soroja, Tmt. E.C. Punitha, Tmt. Faritha Begam, Tmt. Dr. C.R. Gladys Stellabai, Tmt. G. Kanagamani, Tmt. S. Mary Sundarabai.

## 51<sup>st</sup> Convocation Day

The 51<sup>st</sup> convocation day of St. Ignatius' College of Education, Palayamkottai, was celebrated on 29.1.2009 in the college premises. The Joint Director of Collegiate Education,



Tirunelveli region. Prof. D. Sahaya Dass, M.A. M.Phil was the chief guest who delivered a meaningful and impressive convocation address, which consisted of the theme of 'A Good Teacher'.

The function was graced by the esteemed presence of Rev. Sr. Amala Raphael, Secretary, Rev. Sr. Dr. Nirmala Sundara Raj, Principal, Heads of various departments, graduating students, guest and benefactors.

## Alumni Association

'Come hither and get together' is the Amian song of our Alumni Association. Alumni Association meeting was held on 24.1.09. This get together brought immense pleasure and nostalgic memories among the members. The chief guest Mrs.



Jacintha Dharma, an Alumni member and PG Assistant in English, St. Joseph's Hr. Sec. School, Nagercoil, shared her views on the Alma mater.

Tmt. Banumathy Davidson, Retd. P. G. Asst. in English St. Ignatius' Convent Hr. Sec. School welcomed the gathering. **Dr. S. Francisca**, Reader in History presented the report of the previous meeting and **Mrs. M. Maria Saroja**, S.G Lecturer in Biology, read the financial statement of the Alumni Association.

## Rotract Club and Consumer Club

The Rotract Club of this year was inaugurated on 15.10.08. The Director of Rotract Club explained the activities of the Rotary Club and the District Deputy Governor Rtd. P.H.E.S.



Dr. PVK. Jacob - the Principal of St. John's College was the chief guest and he spoke about the importance of social service and how the students can involve themselves in it.

At the time of the visit of the Governor of Rotary club on 01.11.08 the Rotract Students along with the members of the club planted saplings and created awareness about environmental pollution. The Rotract winners of various district level competitions held by "Managaiyar Malar" were also honoured by the Governor of the Rotary club.



**Dr. Gladys Stellabai** who is incharge of these two clubs arranged on 01.03.09 a oneday

programme. The Rotract students taught the Karaiyar scheduled Tribes how to write their names and there by creating awareness of literacy among them through discussions and cultural programmes.

On 08.12.08 the consumer club was inaugurated. The Secretary of District Consumer club was the Chief guest and he gave a speech about the rights of the consumers and he created an awareness among the students.

On 22.01.09 competitions were held on district level in Manjammal Girls' Hr.Sec.School, Tenkasi and our students enthusiastically participated and won many prizes.

## Nature Lover's Association

Nature Lover's Association was formed with the motto of 'Let Nature Live to Live'.

**Mrs. Dhasnavis and Mrs. Maria Saroja** organised meetings under Nature Lover's Association, on 13.03.09. Mrs. Helan, P.G. Assistant in Botany, St. Ignatius' Hr. Sec. School, Palayamkottai & Mr. Subramaniam, State Secretary, Tamilnadu Science forum, gave speeches on Environmental Issues and Awareness respectively.



## Psycho-social club

Psycho - social club works with a motto "I am O.K., You are O.K., We are O.K.," which involves personal integrity and healthy relationship with others for a healthy society. Under the guidance of **Miss. Radhika, Mrs. Rajeswari and Mrs. Faritha** Psycho-social club organised a two-day workshop on personality development and counselling classes on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Rev. Fr. Dr. Arul, Palayamkottai Diocese handled the sessions under the themes "Better Self Awareness", "Guiding One Self" and "Needs and Techniques of counselling". Through his thought provoking sessions he enlightened the student teachers on 'Self guidance' and 'Guidance for the youth'. It was an enriching experience to our students.

## Women's Cell

Our college women's cell in collaboration with the Rotract celebrated women's day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009 Mrs. E.S. Uma, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police and Mrs. Revathi, President, AFIR, Nellai, inspired the participants through their effective speech on the role of women in uplifting their self and the society at large. They also enlightened the participants on the importance of self awareness and self development. This was organised by **Mrs. Faritha**.

## English Literary Club

English is the 'Queen of Languages' and it is a language of great utility. A meeting of English club was conducted in our college premises on 20.2.08 with Dr. V. S. Joseph Albert, Head of Department of English, St. Xavier's College Palayamkottai, as the resource person. On 23.2.09 Mr. S. Saravanan who is a well renowned instructor in spoken English conducted classes for spoken English on 20.3.09 under the leadership of **Mrs. Punitha and Mrs. Saroja**.



Mrs. Dorathy Chandra, Lecturer in Rani Anna Govt. College dealt with the topic of 'Techniques to develop the communicative competency in students'. She highlighted on developing communication skills among the students. A short course in

## VISION

Our college aims at the formation of prospective women teachers with far sighted clear vision of the present and future panorama of the needs and requirements for the promotion of Social Justice and Social Progress.

‘Phonetics and Communication’ was given by Dr. P. Iyadurai, former English Professor of St. John’s College, Palayamkottai. He taught letters and their sounds, and intonation. Students were also given practice in conversation.

### Tamil Literary Club

Tamil literary club headed by **Mrs. Shantha Alex** is functioning in an active way. The club for this academic year was inaugurated on 20.02.2009 by Dr. Joseph Albert, HOD of English Department, St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai. Activities such as debates, seminars, quiz and competitions in essay writing, singing and drama are conducted periodically.

On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 a meeting was arranged and Dr. A. Mariaselvam, St. Xavier’s College of Education, the chief guest enlightened the students with his thought provoking speech and it was an encouragement for the students both for their studies and also for their life on the whole.

### Reader’s Club

“Reading is the key to the store house of knowledge”, our ‘Readers Club’ functions actively. The readers club helped the students to exchange their vocabulary and communication skills during bridge course.

Opportunities are provided in our Library to use the Network to get current knowledge in different disciplines. The Books are issued to our students and staff in every working day to enrich their career. In order to motivate their reading habits best user awards are given to the best readers.

On 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 Reader’s Club arranged a special talk on “Web Resources for Higher Education”. Mr. Martin Arokiasamy shared his experiences and ideas on the particular topic. On behalf the Reader’s Club books were distributed to the Karaiyar tribals. This programme was organised by **Mrs. Kanagamani**, the Librarian.

### History Club

History club has a great role in the study of social science. It guides the learning activities which extend beyond classrooms. In order to have a direct purposeful experience the members of History club went on fields trips to Krishnapuram Temple (19.02.2009), Athichanallur, Aavin Milk Project, Thamiraparani river valley, Kailasanathar Temple and District Museum.



Other activities like Quiz Competition, Histrionics (22.11.2009), Map Reading and Drawing, Discussion (10.03.2009), Book Review, Film appreciation, Awareness Programmes and News Reading are conducted regularly under the leadership of **Dr. Francisca**. As a part of our club activities minor projects were undertaken on the attitude of students towards learning social science in St. Ignatius’ Convent Hr. Sec. School, Palayamkottai and a survey on the historically important places throughout Tamil Nadu.

### Red Ribbon Club

Under the auspices of Red Ribbon Club ‘Aids awareness day’ was celebrated on 07.03.09. Competitions were held on the theme “The Role of Youth in Preventing AIDS”. Dr. Manimala, D.D.M.D. Blood Bank, Medical Officer, Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital gave an informative talk on ‘Safe Blood’ and clarified questions by the student folk. A very useful discussion was held with Mr. Somasundaram, an Aids Victim and Mr. Balu, Transgender, a member from the marginalised



sector. The club under the leadership of **Mrs. Faritha** organized a one day programme and equipped the participants with crystal clear information about the ‘What, why and How of AIDS’.

### Youth Red Cross

Youth Red Cross Inauguration was held at 2.30 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009 in our College campus. Dr. Razul Mohaideen presided over the function and addressed the gathering with ample information about Youth Red Cross movement. Rev. Sr. Dr. Nirmala Sundara Raj, Principal of our College is the patron, **Mrs. R. Rajeswari**, YRC Programme Officer organized the function.



The motto of YRC is Health, Service and friendship. The principles behind this movement are humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, volunteering, unity and Universality. The services rendered are Health care, Rehabilitation of the physically challenged, Prevention of Alcoholism drug abuse, Protection of road safety, and Relief work of Natural manmade disasters.

### National Harmony Day

“Humanism – Our only identity,  
India – Our only community,  
Let us promote social harmony”

To fulfill this goal we celebrated National harmony day on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009. Rev. Fr. Dr. Sahaya John, Chancellor, Catholic Bishop House, Palayamkottai, gave a special address and occasion was felicitated by Dr. Francisca, Reader in History, St. Ignatius’ College, Palayamkottai. The Foreign delegates also eagerly participated in the celebration.



### Guidance and Placement cell

Our College Guidance Cell aims at achieving well integrated and well balanced future teachers. It renders its activities with zeal. The students of our College now and then approach the faculty incharge of this cell to get guidance for their needs. It directs our students to get educational and occupational information. **Rev. Sr. Gunaseeli**, Superior of St. Ignatius’ convent, **Rev. Sr. Dr. Nirmala Sundara Raj, Sr. Latha**, and **Mrs. Rajeswari** are the counsellors to our students. Guidance cell of this academic year (2008 - 2009) was started on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008. This cell extends an opportunity for our students for their placement and individual all round development.

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